

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 6-22, 24-25 and 29-36 are pending in the application. Claims 26 and 28 are canceled, no claims are amended or added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS--35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 26 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by ACID™ (ACID User Manual, Sonic Foundry, Europe, 1999; hereinafter "ACID"). This rejection has become moot as Claims 26 and 28 have been canceled.

CONCLUSION

The Office Action has already indicated that all of the claims now pending are allowed (Allowable Subject Matter, *Office Action*, p. 2). Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Please charge any shortages or credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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